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Title : Method and Apparatus for Measuring The Lifetime of an  
Excited State in a Specimen

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 this paper and include attached replacement sheets

**Remarks** begin on page 11 this paper.